

LT COL NIXON: I love being outdoors and I spent the summer walking a small section of the Appalachian Trail with my son. I am also an avid reader and I love films. I like running, but I have lapsed recently and have drifted into cycling and rowing, but my eldest son is threatening to do a marathon with me next year so I need to get out on the road again. Finally, I love cooking and I will happily spend hours in the kitchen with Mozart playing in the background and a glass of wine close at hand.

DDC REVIEW: Is your family with you here in the U.S.?

LT COL NIXON: My wife, Ruth, is a teacher and a writer, and she is hoping to work while we are in America. I have two boys Simon, 16, and John, 12, who are both at boarding school in England. The boys will be spending the major holidays with us.

DDSP's Harrison Recognized as DLA Employee of the Quarter

By Sherre Mitten-Bell, DDSP Public Affairs

When the Defense Logistics Agency Director VADM Kieth W. Lippert, SC, USN, announced the DLA Employee of the Quarter winners for the 4th Quarter of Fiscal Year 2004 in November, he congratulated DDSP Patrolman Jason Harrison as one of two outstanding individuals selected from among 20 nominations.

Patrolman Jason Harrison is a Police Officer with the Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP). His inherent qualities, law enforcement knowledge and experience have made him deserving of this recognition by DLA and the Defense Distribution Center. He sets a high standard



for his position by displaying a positive and courteous attitude and by never hesitating to provide assistance to fellow officers or the more than 4,000 employees and residents of the New Cumberland military installation.

Patrolman Harrison also distinguished himself by earning a perfect score during the Emergency and Non-emergency Response Driving phases of a Federal Law Enforcement Training course he attended in New Mexico. He also qualified as an expert with his assigned service pistol during this training.

Not a stranger to serving his country, Patrolman Harrison came to DDSP as an experienced Federal Police Officer. He also served as a US Marine from 1993 to 1997. "His loyalty to his country and the DDSP Police Department is without question," said Assistant Police Chief Robert Shaw. "He exhibits many personal and professional qualities which make him an outstanding candidate for future positions of leadership within this department."

Umstead and Collins Also Nominated for DLA Employee of the Quarter

Two additional DDC employees were nominated for the DLA Employee of the Quarter Award. Robert Collins, a General Supply

Specialist at Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robbins, GA (DDWG), was nominated for his exceptional team spirit and innovative solutions including the development of tools to track work orders and determine target dates for job completion. DDC headquarters Public Affairs Specialist Stacy Umstead was nominated for her accomplishments in organizing several assumption of command and change of command ceremonies within a short time including the DDC Change of Command ceremony attended by more than 400 people. Umstead also assisted in the professional development of thirteen command support personnel during the year.

DDSI Personnel Awarded for Assistance During Transition

Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Commander COL (P) Michael J. Lally, USA, visited the Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella, Italy (DDSI) along with Pat Kuntz, Chief of DDC's Logistics Support Division, and



COL (P) Lally Presents Joint Service Achievement Medals. From left to right: **Director of DDSI's Operations Division, LT Michael C. McCormack, SKC (AW/SW) Kirkland D. Kirk, COL Lally, SK1 (SW) Jesus P. Manabat, SK1 (SW) Leonil H. Mijares (receiving award), and SK1 (AW) James F. Campbell.** **Not pictured: SK1 (SW) Dorothea O. Bennett and SK1 (SCW) Larissa V. Benoit.**

Laurie Bixler, DDC's Team Lead for Overseas Distribution Centers, to thank the DDSI team for their outstanding achievements in establishing the distribution center and transitioning from Navy to DLA operations.

During his visit, COL (P) Lally presented DDSI Deputy Commander Denise Cordeiro-Bennett with a Letter of Appreciation for her many outstanding accomplishments.



DDSI Motor Vehicle Operators were awarded by COL (P) Lally for "Putting the Mission First." From left to right: **COL (P) Lally, Nunzio Longhitano (Lead), Salvatore Nicolosi, Giuseppe Galata, Carmelo Fisichella, and Salvatore Ferrara.** **Not pictured: Alessandro Catania, Santo Lo Castro, and Antonino Sinatra.**

He also recognized DDSI Distribution Facilities Specialist Robert Pattillo with a Special Act Award for his achievements during the implementation of the Distribution Standards System (DSS) at DDSI.

COL (P) Lally also presented Joint Service Achievement Medals to LT Michael C. McCormack, Chief Petty Officer Kirkland D. Kirk, and Storekeeper First Class Petty Officers Dorothea O. Bennett, Jesus P. Manabat, Leonil H. Mijares, Larissa V. Benoit and James F. Campbell, USN, for their outstanding support to the Warfighter while assigned to DDSI's Transition and Project Management Team in 2004.

Additionally, COL (P) Lally recognized several members of the DDSI Italian Foreign National workforce with several special achievement and safety awards in recognition of their many outstanding accomplishments. As a result of the DDSI team's initiative and outstanding knowledge of logistics, customer service has been improved, materiel management was successfully transferred from Navy to DLA at the Sigonella site, and the Distribution Standards System was implemented.



DDSI Packing Operations employees were recognized by COL (P) Lally for "Most Improved Processes." From left to right: *Francesco Russo, Natale Sava (Lead), Rita Caruso (Lead), COL Lally, Carmelo Rapisarda, Antonio Scuderi, Vincenzo Porcello, Davide Modica, Giuseppe Foti, Giuseppe Mascali, and Carmelo Ardizzone.*

"The drive and tenacity of these men and women ensured that DDSI remains poised to provide top-quality customer support throughout the region," said CDR John Camuso, SC, USN, DDSI Commander.

DDSP Federal Fire Department Recognized by DLA

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The New Cumberland Military installation currently known as Defense Distribution Depot



The DLA Civilian Fire Officer of the Year award was presented to Captain Leonard Rutter of the DDSP Fire Department.

Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) has been supporting the armed services since World War I. When the depot was built in 1918, a Fire Department was established, manned by active duty military until staffed by civilians after WW II, it has provided emergency support ever since. The DDSP Fire and Emergency service personnel are critical assets to the installation and to the community.

DDSP Fire and Emergency personnel are notably well-trained and highly certified, resulting in selection for Department of Defense (DoD) awards announced at the DoD/International Association of Fire Chiefs



The DLA Heroism Award was presented to DDSP Fire Department members Dennis Eichelberger and George Conrad (not pictured) and (left to right) John Shirk, David Hindermeyer, Justin Martin, Jared Mumma, and Keith Dolon.

Conference. DLA presented winners and runners-up with their awards prior to the DoD Awards Ceremony in August. DDSP was presented with the following:

2004 DLA Fire and Emergency Services Heroism Team award, the DLA Fire Officer of the Year award, the DLA Firefighter of the Year Runner Up award, and the Fire Department of the Year Runner Up.

DLA CIVILIAN FIRE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

was presented to Captain Leonard Rutter who has been an outstanding leader with the DDSP Fire and Emergency Services Department. His leadership, attitude, experience, and technical expertise have made him the total package model for his fellow firefighters. Rutter has many DoD certifications which is a reflection of his dedicated professionalism. Along with overseeing the Emergency Medical Service program, Rutter still found time to work overtime during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, handling hazardous materials distribution.

DLA HEROISM TEAM

AWARD OF THE YEAR was presented to the following individuals: Captain John Shirk; Firefighter/EMT Keith Dolon; Firefighter Dave Hindermeyer; Firefighter George Conrad; Firefighter/EMT Dennis Eichelberger; Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Martin; and Firefighter/EMT Jared Mumma. The team saved multiple lives during two mutual aid incidents in August 2003. The first incident involved a high-speed motor vehicle in which five victims were entrapped after hitting a tree. Team members stabilized the vehicle, removed the vehicle from the victims, treated and packaged the victims. The second incident involved a gas leak in an apartment building with an unconscious person inside. Team members conducted a floor-by floor search with gas monitors, located, and

removed the victim who was later treated and released from the hospital.

DLA Runner-Up Awards

The 2003 DLA runner up awards were presented for the Fire Department of the Year Runner Up and for the Fire Fighter of the Year Runner Up by DLA Enterprise Services (DES) Director Ella Studer, SES.



DLA Enterprise Services Director Ella Studer, SES, presents the Firefighter of the Year Runner Up award to DDSP Firefighter/EMT Jared Mumma.

DLA FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR RUNNER UP AWARD

was accepted on behalf of the department by Fire Chief Gary Brouse. Just as DDSP is a world-class provider of logistics support to our nation's Warfighters, the DDSP Fire Department is a world-class provider of Fire and Emergency Services to the installation and the local community. Also known as York County Station 69, the DDSP Fire Department is an active part of the local network of Fire and Emergency organizations, routinely providing assistance to nearby departments. They support 3,000 military missions annually at the neighboring Capitol City Airport. They are an active partner with the South Central Pennsylvania